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#### LUBLIN ALCOHOL PLANTS HELP AUTO INDUSTRY

The distillery and anhydrous alcohol plants in Lublin primarily contribute to the development of the automotive industry in Poland.

Molasses brought by tank cars to the distillery is piped to cisterns for fermentation. The product, containing 12-percent alcohol, is distilled successively to 93 percent and 96 percent alcohol. The residue has a potassium content of 63 percent, making an excellent fertilizer or raw material for the production of crystal glass and various chemicals.

The final product is anhydrous alcohol up to 99.8 percent, which is used as an admixture to gasoline. Automotive vehicles in Poland use a fuel with a 20-percent anhydrous alcohol content. The mixture saves gasoline, is more efficient, and reduces wear.

The alcohol distillery was nationalized in 1948. In March 1949, the 30-meter-high distillation column was a mass of wrecked metal. In 3 months it was completely restored. Besides the distillery and fermentation plants, there is also a whiskey factory, a denaturant factory, a bottling plant, and a plant manufacturing cases.

Under the Six-Year Plan, production of whiskey will increase barely several percent, and production of industrial alcohol will increase several hundred percent, in line with the development of the pharmaceutical, chemical, food-processing, and automotive industries.

The Polish Alcohol Monopoly will produce more whiskey for export and better-quality whiskeys for domestic consumption. Sugar beets and potatoes will be of prime importance in the development of various other branches of Poland's economy, including the production of medical products. -- Pawel Kopacz

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